(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given its approval for the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) M/s Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has informed that it has drawn a plan for the development of an Aerotroplis (Airport City) on the cityside land available with the airport. IT Park is a component of the proposed Aerotropolis. An area of about 35 acres of land is earmarked for this purpose. The total built up area of the proposed IT Park would be 4 million sq. ft. to be developed in a phased manner.

(c) Government has not yet received a formal proposal from CIAL.

(d) Does not arise.

Laying of Gas Pipelines in the country

3808. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued authorization to Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) for laying the Jagadishpur-Haldia gas pipelines and Reliance Gas Transporation Infrastructure Ltd. (RGTIL) for laying Kakinada-Basudebpur-Cuttuck-Howrah pipelines;

(b) if so, whether official gazette notification required under sub section (1) of section (3) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1972 have already been issued in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when such notification would be issued and by which time the laying of pipelines and commissioning job would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Notification would be issued on receiving the detailed proposal from the concerned Company. According to the authorization, the pipelines are to be completed within 36 month from the respective dates of the first notification under Section 3(1) of Petroleum & Minerals Pipelines Act, 1962 for acquisition of Right of User for the pipeline.

Gas Hydrate Deposits

3809. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will embark on massive seismic surveys for locating Gas Hydrate Deposits in sea;

(b) whether it has also been established that gas hydrate reserves are present in Krishna-Godavari-Mahanadi Basin, and in Andaman Islands;

(c) if so, whether gas hydrates have been found in permafrost in Arctic Regions;

(d) if so, what are the concrete action plan and programme prepared in this regard; and

(e) to what extent Government has been able to explore gas hydrates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes. Sir During the National Gas Hydrates Programme (NGHP) expedition 01, substantial amount of Gas Hydrates were discovered in KG basin. Gas Hydrate occurrence has also been observed in Mahanadi and Andaman Offshore areas. However, the detailed studies are to be carried out to estimate the gas hydrate reserves. Gas Hydrates are also found in permafrost area in arctic regions.

(d) and (e) Under NGHP, the Government's action plan is as follows:

(i) Resource estimation of already discovered gas hydrate.

(ii) Identification of Gas Hydrate bearing sand dominated reservoir.

(iii) Carrying out pilot production testing.

(iv) R&D for commercial exploitation of methane from Gas Hydrate.

LPG dealers in the country

†3810. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG dealers during the last three years and as on date company-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of gas cylinders distributed by the above dealers during the last three years and as on date, company-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that requisite increase has not taken place in production of LPG during the last few years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action plan of Government to increase availability of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they are having 9270, 9363 & 9365 Number of LPG distributorships in the country as on 1.4.2006, 1.4.2007 and 1.4.2008 respectively.

The Company-wise and State-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(b) OMCs have reported that they have supplied 9610, 9987 and 10587 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) domestic LPG during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 respectively.

The Company-wise and State-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(c) to (e) OMCs have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.